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QUESTING WITH

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We are reminded continually that individual initiative is on the wane. Ours is an age of Organization. In any endeavor, the 1st step is to Join a Group. Courage, it would seem, has become a collective noun. Increasingly, we rely upon morale *en masse*.

All of which is preliminary to the announcement of yet another amalgamation. This one is known as TOPS. The initials stand for "Take Off Pounds Sensibly." The operational procedure is most intriguing. When an out-size mbr of the society is overwhelmed by an impulse to eat imprudently he (or perhaps more likely she) telephones a fellow mbr. They commune together until "the urge" has passed.

If the line is busy, it is perhaps an indication that your elected corypheus is leaning upon yet another mbr for the spiritual sustenance to renounce gastronomical substance.

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This may be, and we trust sincerely that it is, merely one of those odd coincidences. But our Southwestern Scout is impressed by the fact that the Oklahoma City YWCA has just launched 2 new night courses for adult women. The courses, we understand, are "Ladies Judo" and "Fundamentals of Babysitting."

Amongst our numerous unfulfilled desires is the plaintive wish that people would quit pestering us with vaguely disturbing questions to which there are no neatly-cataloged answers.

"Is not," inquires Cid Ricketts Sumner, "the newly-fashionable custom of eating off trays in the semi-darkness of the television room somewhat like the gnawing of a bone in the corner of a primeval cave?"

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We confess to being a trifle disconcerted by this theological gem, relayed to us by a friend listening to a religious program on the Luxembourg radio:

"And now," said the presiding dignitary, "let us pray for good luck."

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Our favorite pre-school-age miss was taken, some days ago, by a doting aunt to visit a new home in the suburbs. Turned out to be one of those ultra-modern contraptions with hanging stairways and fantastic built-ins in the most improbable places.

"It looks," opined our perceptive miss, "like something little boys make with their retractor sets."

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And do you suppose the Russians ever use Red tape?

may we QUOTE you on that?



[1] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, US Sec'y of State: "If the Soviet genuinely wants to ease tensions with the West, a halt should be called to its outpouring of public letters and diplomatic notes. The U S has always felt that exchanges between heads of gov't are designed generally on a highly confidential basis, sincerely to achieve some practical result. For the 1st time that I know of in all history, that process has been debauched and prostituted into purely an organ of propaganda."

... [2] WERNHER VON BRAUN, Army missile expert: "The U S will attempt to hit the moon with a rocket as fast as we can. This may take many mo's and the Russians may beat us to it. I have doubts as to whether what we are doing is adequate." ... [3] Sen HUBERT H HUMPHREY (D-Minn): "We have more to gain from a cessation of (nuclear) tests than anyone else — from a moral point of view, from a political point of view and from a technical point of view."

... [4] HUGH GAITSKELL, leader of British Labor Party, *advocating discussions with Soviet Union*: "If you believe the Russians are only trying to make propaganda, the answer is not to refuse to talk, but to talk and bring forward serious proposals for peace and test the sincerity of the Russians." ... [5] HENRY CABOT LODGE, U S Ambassador to UN, *on cultural exchange agreement with Soviet Union*: "America should say to Soviet leaders: 'If you really want to re-

lax tensions, let your people see the best American movies — those that show how Americans really live. We challenge

you to take this one step for peace.'" ... [6] FORD FRICK, baseball commissioner, *on transfer of N Y Giants to San Francisco*: "I feel the best move in many yrs has been made. Our infancy is behind us now; at last baseball is truly nat'l—from coast to coast."

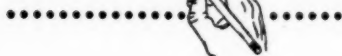
... [7] MAURICE STANS, U S Budget Director, *advising against hasty anti-recession measures*: "Unbalanced budgets are like pants without suspenders; you can't keep them up forever."

... [8] Dr ALBERT HIBBS, of Cal Tech's Jet Propulsion Laboratory: "It is frightening to hear statements from Washington proclaiming exploration of space a military objective. This approach will only take wars from the earth and project them into space."

... [9] HARRY S TRUMAN: "I'm proud that I am a politician. It takes politicians to run a gov't. A statesman is a politician who has been dead 10 or 15 yrs." ... [10] VAN CLIBURN, 23-yr-old Texan, *who won 1st prize in Soviet Union's internat'l Tchaikovsky piano competition*: "The Russians showed me real Southern hospitality."

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moving finger



A disturbing and strangely paradoxical situation is developing in our for'gn relations, which is perhaps most clearly demonstrated in Spain.

Here we have the odd spectacle of the U S, as the world's foremost democracy, intent upon maintaining relations with dictator Franco for military reasons (primarily the maintenance of defense bases on Spanish soil.) By this action we are bldg up a growing resentment amongst Spanish liberals who oppose the Franco regime and who have long sought to establish a gov't in Spain based on democratic principles.

The American position is that some measure of co-operation with the present Spanish gov't is essential, even tho its basic philosophy is repugnant to us, so that we may effectively counter a Soviet threat to the "free world" as a whole.

This position the Spanish liberals comprehend and do not actively oppose. They, too, are unrelenting-

ly anti-Communist. But they say we're overdoing it with a steady stream of endorsements, played up prominently in the Franco-controlled press. It complicates the efforts of those forces advocating a co-ordination of the somewhat discredited Monarchists, the Catholic conservatives and the Socialists, who have one common denominator in their distrust of Franco and their desire for a non-violent revolution.

This is bad enough, but there is yet another chapter. In recent wks the Communist offensive in Spain has been attempting to steal the program of the liberals, calling upon all who oppose Franco to unite in an effort to set up a new regime "with a minimum of violence." As you can readily see, this puts the liberal elements in a most awkward position. They despise Communism and want no affiliation with Communists. But now their opposition efforts, which predated by many yrs the Communist intervention, may be more readily branded by the Franco gov't as "Communist inspired."

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'He who never quotes. is never quoted'

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



AGE—Youth—1

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.—*St George's Bulletin*, N Y C.

AMERICA—2

Yes, the U S is in bad shape—worse off than any other country in the world—in some respects. No other country is suffering political and economic troubles because of a surplus of food. No other country has traffic congestion because so many people own automobiles.

In no other country does everyone make so much money and help so hard to find and harder to keep. In no other country do people take so many holidays, and work so few hrs, so they will have time to spend the money that keeps piling up on them. In no other country is obesity, caused by plenty of everything and high living, one of the chief medical problems. Yes, it's a sad situation.—*Pike's Peaker*.

AMERICA—Income—3

The aggregate real income of the more than 160 million Americans today probably exceeds the combined income of the 600 million people living in Europe and Russia and far surpasses the total income of the more than a billion inhabitants of Asia.—*20th Century Fund Report*.

ATOMIC AGE—Food—4

Among peaceful uses for nuclear energy, the increasing use of the atom as a power fuel is perhaps most widely publicized. Less well known is the progress that is being made in atomic preservation of perishable foods, a process which promises to surpass conventional methods of canning and freezing... Just how long it will be before shoppers can load their mkt baskets with atom-fresh food is still anybody's guess. Estimates range from 5 to 20 yrs. At least one expert, however, believes it could take place much sooner. "Should someone want to spend several million dollars on this development," says Dr Wolfgang Huber, a consultant in the atomic field, "we could have irradiated food on grocery shelves in two yrs." — ROSS L HOLMAN, "Atom-Fresh Foods," *Think*, 3-'58.

AUTOMOBILE—Drivers—5

The number of blasts that come from auto horns in a traffic jam is equal to the sum of squares at the wheels.—*Indiana Telephone News*, hm, Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

BEHAVIOR—6

It is a healthy symptom when a man is dissatisfied without being discouraged.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

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washington

By Les & Liz
Carpenter



Washington newswoman Esther Van Wagoner Tufty is just back from Independence, Mo, where former-President Truman, in person, escorted her thru the Truman Library. He then took her by his house, where Mrs Truman apologized for not being able to invite Mrs Tufty to lunch. "I don't have a cook," Mrs Tuman said, adding that "Harry got up this morning and washed last night's dishes while he was fixing coffee."

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A bodyguard for Walter Reuther, pres of United Auto Workers, was stopped by Capitol police when he tried to enter the room where Reuther was to testify before the Senate Labor Rackets Committee. When the suspicious bulge under his coat was found to be a ham sandwich, he was allowed to enter.

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Many mbrs of Congress are weighing the political impact of Elvis Presley. Most lawmakers have had at least a few letters from home urging them to do their best to get Elvis out of the Army and back before a microphone where his hair can grow. Some of the letters, it is rep'ted, come from women with a Mrs before their names.

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A thought from Rep J T Rutherford (D-Tex): "Luck happens when preparation meets opportunity."

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BEHAVIOR—7

The old structure of the upper class, the middle class and the lower class is on the wane. It isn't wealth or family that makes prestige these days. It's taste and high thinking. — RUSSELL LYNES, *The Taste-Makers* (Harper).

CHARACTER—8

Crisis is God's way of separating the men from the gutless wonders. —N C TYSON, quoted in *Erechs' Digest*.

CHRISTIANITY—9

All of the genius of man has still not been able to launch the Star of Bethlehem in its orbit around the earth despite the fact that the method for doing so was clearly described twenty centuries ago.—ELY SLOTKIN, *High Points*.

CONSERVATION—10

Chas W Mears tells of a speaker who tried to say big things to his audience, and during the question period was requested, "Before you close, give us one small, practical suggestion we might apply tomorrow."

This was his reply: "I once lived in a town where the water supply was low. A friend spent a day with me. While shaving himself, I joshed him about the half glass of water he was using. His answer was that such a trifling contribution to the conservation of the water supply might seem silly, but he felt better because of it. He intended to conserve water where and when he could in my town." In this incident lurks an idea, which, if multiplied and used, could partly correct hundreds of evils in our present-day civilization. — *Along the Way*.

book briefs...



One of the questions people will be asking about the new JOHN GUNTHER book, *Inside Russia Today* (Harper) is, "What does the author have to say about the stalemate between the U S and the Soviet Union?"

Well, he says it could last forever. "At the same time," Gunther continues, "it is possible the Russians will conquer the world in 30 yrs; it depends on how stupid we are. But it is altogether unlikely that this will happen unless the western powers commit some gigantic and egregious folly, like plunging into war; or unless they suffer prolonged and prostrating economic collapse. Russia may, however, with luck, and unless the democratic world shows a great deal more discipline, unity and grasp of realities than it has recently been showing, make very strong advances . . . We must attempt to deal with Soviet matters as they are, not as we would like them to be. The Russians, like the weather, are here to stay; moreover (they are) here to stay as extremely serious competitors."

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A librarian recently commented to one of our correspondents that a certain patron got more from mystery novels than any other patron.

"How's that?" she was asked.

"She begins reading in the middle," the librarian explained, "so she not only wonders how it will come out, but also how it began."

I wonder how long writers have been writing about writing — about their professional problems. It is my guess that the 2nd cuneiform tablet was chiseled by the author of the 1st, to explain to the next guy how he did it.—ALLEN MARPLE, *The Writer* (April).

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When the Revised Standard Version of the Bible was issued in 1952, Thos Nelson & Sons rec'd an exclusive publishing contract for a 10 yr period, from the copyright owners, Division of Christian Education, Nat'l Council of Churches. It has just been announced that when this contract expires in 1962, 4 add'l publishers will be licensed. These are Collins, Oxford, Holman and World. Harper is also negotiating. The Revised Version will continue under control of the Nat'l Council of Churches until 2008, when it will be in the public domain.

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A considerably damaged copy of *The Cruel Sea* was ret'd to publisher Knopf by a naval commander who wrote: "It was watersoaked and in disarray on arrival. It had been travelling in *S S Wyoming* which encountered a typhoon en route. The cruel sea did its work."

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COST-OF-LIVING—11

To maintain earning power, Americans have had to double—and in some cases more than triple—their 1939 incomes. The \$10,000 man would have to be making \$23,568 today. A \$25,000 man would need \$69,991, a \$50,000 man \$159,020, and a \$100,000 man would have to make a whopping \$357,009, a yr to keep his living up to standard.—*Nat'l Industrial Conference Board.*

COURAGE—12

We praise the man who "has the courage of his convictions," but every bigot and fanatic has that; what is much harder, and rarer, is to have the courage to re-examine one's convictions, and to reject them if they don't square with the facts.—*SYDNEY J HARRIS, Chicago News.*

DECADENCE—13

Alcoholism and race consciousness are two conspicuous sources of danger to western civilization. A mixture of atheism, materialism, socialism and alcoholism have been the cause of the decline and decay of nineteen out of twenty-one civilizations. — *ARNOLD TOYNBEE, Think.*

ECONOMY—14

The biggest safeguard (against depression) is the large size of the Fed'l budget. The Fed'l Gov't spends about \$85 billion a yr on domestic affairs and defense. This is \$1 out of \$5 of nat'l income. Back in 1929, the yr of the "Great Depression" started, the Fed'l Gov't spent only \$1 out of every \$29 of nat'l income.—"Business Forecast: U S A," *Senior Scholastic*, 4-4-'58.

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EDUCATION—15

The high school diploma no longer has the value, the prestige, it once had. We shall restore the diploma to its former value by raising our standards for graduation.—*GEO M LEADER, Gov of Pa, "Improvement of Instruction," Education*, 3-'58.

Quote scrap book

On May 11, this yr, for the 50th time, we pay formal homage to the American Mother. The idea of setting aside a special day to revere our mothers originated with Miss Anna Jarvis, of Phila. She arranged for a special service in her mother's home church, at Grafton, W Va, and personally attended this service on May 10, 1908. The idea spread rapidly. In 1914 Pres Woodrow Wilson set aside the 2nd Sunday in May as Mother's Day. It has had nat'l observance since that time.

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children. — *WM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY, Vanity Fair.*

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EDUCATION—16

What is done in our classrooms in the next ten yrs will largely determine the future, both of Americans and of all mankind.—*OLIVER J CALDWELL, ass't commissioner for Internat'l Education, Office of Education, U S Dept of Health, Education and Welfare, "The World in our Classrooms," NEA Jnl*, 2-'58.

FAITH—17

Now we are beginning to realize that anxiety is part of the game of life, in all its phases. To find the faith to conquer it requires courage, sometimes of a high order. But it is worth the effort, because the prize is happiness.—T F JAMES, "The Modern Mind," *Cosmopolitan*.

FAMILY LIFE—18

A judge who had a great number of cases involving families and homes once said: "We adults spend far too much time preparing the path for our youth and far too little time preparing our youth for the path."—G RAYMOND CAMPBELL, "The Fair Form of the Family," *Pulpit Digest*, 4-'58.

FUTURE—19

The U S of 1970, say the seers, will no more resemble our present society than Thos Jefferson's. Whatever the changes, one thing is certain: human beings will never let themselves get lost in the shuffle of machines. They will always hold the center of the earthly stage—unless, of course, other beings of superior intelligence come along to displace them. Like, for instance, visitors from outer space.—EUGENE D FLEMING, "Mechanical Brains, Automation and Outer Space," *Cosmopolitan*, 4-'58.

GARDENING—20

A man with a green thumb isn't so apt to paint the town red.—KEN KRAFT.

GOBBLEDYGOOK—21

A Washington lawyer, instead of saying that 2 plus 2 make 4, would say: "If by that particular arithmetical rule known as addition, we desired to arrive at the sum of 2 integers added to 2 integers, we

should find — and I assert this boldly, and without fear of successful contradiction — we, I repeat, should find by the particular arithmetical formula before mentioned —and I hold myself perfectly responsible for the assertion that I am about to make—we should find that the sum of the 2 integers added to the 2 other integers would be 4."—EMILY LOTNEY.

GOD—and Man—22

Chided by his Sunday School teacher for misbehaving on the playground, 6-yr-old Peter was told to stand by the fence in punishment. Obediently, he went, but soon the teacher saw him playing as if nothing had happened.

"I thought I told you to stand by the fence," she said reprovingly.

"I did," Peter answered, "but I told Jesus I was sorry, and he said, 'Okay, Pete, you can go play ball now.'"—Sister MARY GILBERT.

HEALTH—23

The old story that it would take a mile walk to use up the calories supplied by one peanut is not the whole story. Exercise is important not so much for the calories it burns but for its effect in avoiding a high cholesterol level and arteriosclerosis, which is coming to be recognized as the main danger of obesity. I am convinced that one who just sits and waits for death to come along will not have so long to wait. We won't wear out; we rust out. — THEODORE G KLUMPP, "Heart Attacks and High-Pressure Jobs," *Think*, 3-'58.

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“... his awful approach”

It is now 195 yrs since JAS BOSWELL 1st encountered Dr SAM'L JOHNSON. The date (May 16, 1763) might well be noted for annual felicitation amongst the literati. It was one of the more propitious meetings in English history.

JOHNSON was then 53 yrs old. His dictionary had been 8 yrs in print; his reputation was secure. BOSWELL, the fun-loving eldest son of Lord Auchinleck, was 23, a lawyer with a fondness for the company of celebrities. He met the great man, whose biographer he was to become, in the back-parlour of Tom Davies' book-shop in London. Davies, after enjoying BOSWELL's temporary discomfiture, whispered reassuringly: "Don't be uneasy; I can see he likes you very well." It was an accurate summation. Within a month the pair were sitting up until all hrs, with a cold bottle and a hot discussion.

BOSWELL's description of the meeting presents a delightful page in our literature:

At last, on Monday, the 16th of May when I was sitting in Mr Davies' back-parlour, after having drunk tea with him and Mrs Davies, Dr Johnson unexpectedly came into the shop; and Mr Davies, having perceived him through the glass door, announced his awful approach. . . I was much agitated.

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HISTORY—24

Perhaps nobody has changed the course of history as much as the historians.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

IMAGINATION—25

One of the tragedies of growing up is that the wide-eyed wonder of childhood becomes dimmed in our sophisticated adult world. A child does not take it for granted that water left in a glass disappears. He wonders why. He wonders why the wind blows; where kittens come from; where the sun goes when it goes down. To a child everything is new and wonderful. Parents can help children retain this precious heritage, and also regain it themselves.—Dr DONALD DEAN, associate prof, Biology, Baldwin-Wallace College.

IMMORTALITY—26

What the Christian faith means by eternal life is not never-ending existence, but a life no longer subject to temporal conditions at all—without limitations, with many mansions, infinite realms where there are new truths to find, new beauties to enjoy, new personalities to know. "To die," said Jas Barrie, "will be an awfully big adventure." —Rob't J McCracken, "An Easter Meditation," *Missions*, 4-58.

INDUSTRY—Personnel—27

Employers are judging people as they would judge automobiles. They want to trade them in. But there is no new model of human being. Babies are not born with upswing fenders and four headlights. Discrimination against older workers is economically wasteful, socially harmful and morally wrong. The sole test should be ability.—Rob't W HANSEN, District Ct Judge, Milwaukee.

....pathways to the past.....



Nat'l Defense Wk
Nat'l Girls' Club Wk
Nat'l Hospital Wk
Nat'l Transportation Wk

("For the wellbeing of mankind
thruout the world.")

May 11 — Rogation Sunday. . .
Feast of the Ice or Vintage Saints
(popularly believed to bring cool
weather and sudden frosts). . .
Mother's Day (this yr marks 50th
anniv). . . *Rural Life Sunday.* . .
190th anniv (1768) b of John
Chapman, known in American
folklore as "Johnny Appleseed,"
planter of thousands of apple trees
thruout mid-west. (Commonly
viewed as a homespun character,
Chapman was actually a scholar;
a graduate of Harvard). . . 30th
anniv (1928) 1st regularly-sched-
uled television programs (over sta-
tion WGY, Schenectady, N Y.)

May 12—130th anniv (1828) b of
Dante Gabriel Rossetti, English-
born Italian poet and painter. . .
The 1st radio patent was issued 50
yrs ago (1908) to Nathan B Stub-
blefield. He was 1st person to
transmit a voice by air without aid
of wires. His invention was demon-
strated as early as 1892, but be-
cause of abnormal fear of being
defrauded, he cloistered his dis-
covery, thus sacrificing fame and
probable fortune.

May 13 — 1st air mail postage
stamps issued 40 yr ago (1918).

May 14—45th anniv (1913) char-
tering of the Rockefeller Founda-
tion, established with a gift of \$100
million by John D Rockefeller.

May 15 — Ascension Day (Holy
Thursday). . . *Straw Hat Day* in
U S. . . 40th anniv (1918) establish-
ment in U S of world's 1st regular
air mail service. (Initial route:
Washington - Philadelphia - New
York. Service was launched with
comedy of errors. Someone in
Washington forgot to fuel plane
for 1st flight. Then pilot took off
in wrong direction, landing in a
Maryland hamlet instead of Phila-
delphia). . . 10th anniv (1948) for-
mation of the State of Israel. (The
new country was promptly attack-
ed by Egyptian planes; invaded by
Lebanon and Transjordan.)

May 16—195th anniv (1763) Jas
Boswell's 1st meeting with Sam'l
Johnson (see GEM Box). . . 25 yrs
ago (1933) Pres Franklin D Roose-
velt, in a bid for internat'l peace,
called on world gov'ts to adopt a
series of non-aggression pacts.

May 17— Armed Forces Day. . .
Do you remember *Information,*
Please! one of the 1st of the radio
quiz programs? It was introduced
20 yrs ago (1938) on the NBC Blue
Network.

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KNOWLEDGE—28

The person who knows everything has a lot to learn.—*Banking*.

LAUGHTER—29

Laughter is wine for the soul.—SEAN O'CASEY, "The Power of Laughter," *Wisdom*, 23rd Issue.

LEISURE—30

Leisure is not a passive state like rest or sleep. It is not time to be filled in. It is time released to our choosing. . . The employment of leisure is a social problem which we shall have to face much more seriously in the decades ahead. Americans have become experts at consuming goods. Now they must learn to consume leisure.—DEVEREUX C JOSEPHS, chmn of the bd, N Y Life Ins Co, "The Emerging American Scene," *School Review*, Spring '58.

LIFE—Living—31

Scientists say none of the planets are fit to live on. It hardly seems fair to judge all of the others by this one of ours.—P-K *Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

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Everyone should own a really comfortable bed and a truly good pair of shoes, for he is in one or the other most of his life.—*Wisconsin Jnl of Education*.

MARRIED LIFE—32

I almost refuse to use the word happy in connection with any marriage. Comfortable, full, satisfying—all right. A good marriage has a lot of happiness in it, and fun, and even ecstasy, but life itself is no bed of roses. Why should people

think they can fence off marriage and find it sheer bliss? A huge number of marriages are unhappy just because people have that overly romantic concept. — Dr EMILY HARTSHORNE MUDD, of Marriage Council of Philadelphia, (as told to HANNAH LEES), "Marriage Is Our Business," *Sat Eve Post*.

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The ideal husband is the one who can make his wife feel that she is never taken for granted, and at the same time never doubted.—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

MODERN AGE—33

Nothing enables the modern girl to be real cool more than swimming pools, skating rinks, ski jumps, air-conditioners, iced drinks and scanty attire.—CY N PEACE.

MONEY—34

The reason money is called Jack is because the Queen takes it. — Voo Doo.

MOTHER—35

One of the best times to give a present to another man's wife is Mother's Day.—KEN KRAFT.

PERSEVERANCE—36

The tough job that tests your mettle and spirit is like the grain of sand that gives an oyster a stomach ache. After a time it may become a pearl.—*Eastern Sun*.

PROFIT—37

Profit is a must. There can be no security for any employee in any business that doesn't make money. There can be no growth for that business. There can be no opportunity for the individual to achieve his personal ambitions unless the company makes money. — DUNCAN C MENZIES, quoted in *Partners*.

Quote



Tempo of the Times

Mother Nature has laid out her vast domain with a marked lack of consideration for the convenience of migrating man. Towering mountain ranges bar his passage by land, while treacherous shoals and reefs snare his ships upon the waters.

Thru the centuries we have made only sporadic and tentative efforts to circumvent Nature's barriers. But with new techniques and more effective materials at our command, unprecedented changes are in the offing. The yrs that lie just ahead may be known to future historians as the Age of Alteration.

You read in public prints a fortnight ago of the successful blasting of Ripple Rock, in British Columbia—the most treacherous underwater hazard on the inside passage between the U S and Alaska. Before the blasting operation, the twin peaks of Ripple Rock jutted to within 9 ft of the surface at low tide. With a blast of 1375 tons of explosives — a record charge — Ripple Rock was literally blown to bits. Cost was in the range of \$3 million. Not an excessive sum for a hazard that, within the memory of living men, has cost 120 vessels and 114 human lives.

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And Ripple Rock is but a prelude — a small-scale test with conventional explosives. At the time of the "Plowshare" atomic explosion in Nevada last fall, Dr Willard F Libby, of the U S Atomic Energy Commission observed that the way is now open for the removal of

geographic obstructions by atomic power. It is known that Russia has a number of ambitious projects in view. These include a tunnel thru the Himalaya Mtns, to link the Soviet Union and India by rail, and a passage under the Caspian Sea, reducing by 1,000 mi's the distance between Soviet Central Asia and the Transcaucasus. Some U S observers believe the Russians may already have conducted small-scale underground atomic blasts.

Last month Peter Borisov, a Soviet technician, revived what has been an engineering dream for decades—a dam across the Bering Strait from Chukchi Peninsula to the coast of Alaska. Climatologists believe such a barrier, preventing the flow of cold Pacific currents into the Arctic, would raise the temperature of that ocean, and subsequently "warm up" adjacent lands. It has been estimated that this could divert to agriculture vast areas now barren in Siberia, Alaska and Canada.

Conceivably, underground atomic explosions over a wide area might provide the enormous quantities of earth and rock fill the 40-mi dam would require. It would be by all odds the most gargantuan engineering feat ever undertaken.

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RACE RELATIONS—38

The one thing I like about show business is that people are judged on the basis of their ability, not because of their race, color or creed. And that's the way it should be in every walk of life. — FAYE EMERSON, quoted in *Kentucky School Jnl.*

RELIGION—39

Gen'l Douglas MacArthur, who influenced postwar Japan more than any other American, fortunately belongs to the school of voluntarism in religion. On March 3, '58, the "dean of radio commentators" H V Kaltenborn said on a television program that he once asked Gen'l MacArthur what was his greatest temptation as head of the Supreme Command of Allied Powers in Tokyo. The gen'l ans'd, according to Mr Kaltenborn, that his greatest temptation was to use his high office to try to Christianize Japan by edict.—HAROLD E FEY, "Religion & Culture in Japan," *Christian Century*, 4-2-'58.

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Prices everywhere have risen,
They're increasing all the
time,
But a nickel cup of coffee
Still will cost you just a
dime.

—STEPHEN SCHLITZER.

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RUSSIA—America—41

Soviet Russia has a labor force of 110 million persons. This appears to be an imposing figure when compared with the 69 million in the U S labor force.

Then note this: Of the 110 mil-

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lion in the Soviet labor force, 52 million are workers on farms—just about half. Even so, these 52 million, farming 480 million acres of land, are able to provide the Russian people with no more than a low standard diet.

. . . (In the U S) there are 6 million, or one out of 11 instead of one out of 2 working on farms. Those 6 million workers farm 260 million acres and do it so efficiently that the American people—fed and clothed better than any people in the world—still are not able to consume all the farmers produce. The problem is one of surplus, not scarcity.—U S News & World Report.

SALESMANSHIP—42

We are fat and lazy. It's time we got back to work. Let's start selling again as we used to sell before World War II. . . In the old days any gas-station attendant would ask whether he could fill the tank, check the oil and render other services. Now everyone waits for the customer to express his wants. Nobody tries to sell anything. This attitude, magnified many times to represent the nat'l picture, is responsible for present economic difficulties in the U S. — UP SHUR EVANS, director, Cleveland Development Foundation.

SERVICE—to Others—43

The best exercise for strengthening the heart is reaching down and lifting people up.—ERNEST BLEVINS.

SUCCESS—44

To suppose that success, in the sense of surpassing and excelling one's fellow, is the ultimate end of existence is, I suspect, a most dangerous heresy for the human race. The pursuit of success can do nothing but good, except when

it is regarded as an end in itself, when its effects are nearly always harmful. For, if everyone supposes that the supreme and only object of life is to go one better than his neighbor, the result of everyone trying to achieve this can only result in mankind ultimately suffering—in every sphere and at every level—the fate that attended the Kilkenny cats. — ARTHUR BYRANT, *Illustrated London News*.

TAXES—45

Golf is a lot like taxes—you drive hard to get to the green and then wind up in the hole. — *American Salesman*.

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A dog's life can't be too bad; someone else pays his taxes.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

TEACHERS—Teaching—46

There is no final way to judge the worth of a teacher except in terms of the lives of those he has taught.—Editorial, *Peabody Jnl of Education*.

TELEVISION—47

Before inviting guests over nowadays, you look to see if it will interfere with the tv schedule.—EBEN STEBBIN, quoted by GRIFF NIBLACK, *Indianapolis News*.

WAR—Peace—48

The rationalizations for war simply will not stand up. Here is a statement from a great religious leader: “If we take as a model the statement, ‘If you want peace prepare for war,’ then we can construct all kinds of aphorisms such as: If you want conjugal fidelity, prepare for divorce; if you want to be honest, buy yourself a set of burglar tools; if you want to enjoy good health, put some disease germs under your pillow.” Who do

you suppose said this? Abbe Henri Demulier, Former Sec'y to Pope Benedict 15th.—JEROME DAVIS, “The Kingdom of Kindness,” *Pulpit Digest*, 4-'58.

WOMEN—49

A Girl's Cycle; Safety pins, fraternity pins, clothes pins, rolling pins, safety pins.—*School Activities*.

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I moved the buttons on my coat,

Let seams out in my dress,
And put a gusset in my blouse
That won't split under stress.

The diet that I meant to start
Was just a good intention.

I've grown to learn obesity's
The mother of extension.

—SUZANNE DOUGLASS.

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WORLD RELATIONS—51

The problem of the underdeveloped areas is, I think, probably the most explosive and important of the next 20 yrs. At present the tensions between the advanced industrial countries and the underdeveloped ones are growing rather than diminishing. The rich industrial countries should come together, all of them, including Russia, if possible, to solve this problem of speeding the development of backward areas which will ultimately affect them all equally. I think it will ultimately be technically and psychologically impossible for men to penetrate space carrying with them anachronistic earthbound quarrels. — JEAN MONNET, former French Finance Minister, quoted in “Economic Problems,” *Stet*.

Quote

GOOD STORIES

you can use...



The instructor in the Army's Survival Course was telling us how we could manage to live off the land even in the most difficult situations. We could eat grasshoppers if we had to, he said, and he described them as flavorful and nourishing. He claimed it was only our prejudice that made them seem unpalatable.

"It's a historical fact," announced the instructor, "that King Solomon fed grasshoppers to his hundred wives — and we know they were all happy."

"The hell with the wives!" cackled out a voice from the back of the classroom. "What did King Solomon eat?" — ALBERT LONGO, *True*. a

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An old man who lives in Georgia still frequently complains about the suffering and the damage caused by the conflict which he always refers to as "The War Between the States."

"We're still suffering on acc't of that war," he remarked recently.

"But what made you think of that today?" he was asked.

"I'll tell you why I thought of it," snapped the old gent. "When those damyankees came thru here with Sherman, they broke the hinges on the door of our smoke-house; today the dogs got in and ate up 3 hams before we found out." — *Wall St Jnl*. b

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I Laughed At This One

DAN BENNETT

Several men were sitting around the warm stove in the little crossroads gen'l store when conversation turned to the difference between conditions today and of their youth. One man remarked that he thought youngsters today had things pretty easy. Another spoke up:

"I'm getting pretty tired of hearing us old folks say that back in the day when we were young, we had to walk 5 mi's thru the deep snow to school," he snorted. "That explains it! Look at the mess we've made out of the world. We were all worn out before we could even vote!"

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Mother of small boy to child psychiatrist: "Well, I don't know whether or not *he* feels insecure, but everybody else in the neighborhood certainly does!" — *Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. c

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A man in Alaska was arrested for bigamy. He had a wife in Nome, another in Fairbanks and still another in Juneau. The judge looked at the culprit and sternly asked, "How could you do such a thing?"

To which the bigamist repl'd, "Fast dog team." — *Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n. d

.....Quote-able QUIPS

Little Mary insisted that she be allowed to serve the tea when her mother was entertaining one afternoon. Mother, with crossed fingers, consented. However, she became annoyed by the long delay and asked, "Why did you take so long, child?"

"I couldn't find the tea-strainer," answered Mary.

"Then, how did you strain it so well?"

"I used the fly-swatter."—*Iowa State Green Gander.* e

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Rep Brooks Hays (D-Ark) credits this story to his father, an old-time Arkansas politician, now in retirement:

At a political meeting for county candidates in rural Arkansas, 60 yrs ago, a 6-ft red-headed candidate for assessor got up to ask for votes:

"Mah friends," he began, "I reckon you all is wonderin' why I am announcin' my candassity for assessor. Well, I jest looked ovah the field, and seein' as how it was goin' t' be a scrub race anyhow, I thought I was jest as liable t' be elected as airy one o' them other fellers." — *QUOTE Washington Bureau.* f

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A high school class struggling thru its first contact with the works of Geoffrey Chaucer was asked by the teacher, "Can anyone tell us whether Chaucer has been translated into other languages?"

A teen-ager rose and commented grimly, "The way it looks to me, he hasn't been translated into English yet."—*Indiana Teacher.* g

Too many people work up a head of steam before they find out what's cooking.—DAN BENNETT.

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A sure sign of spring: when all the good roads are blocked off for repair.—LESTER D KLIMEK.

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There's no rest for the wicked. They've got it all. — FRANKLIN P JONES.

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When a woman wants to be taken at her word, she means the last one, of course.—JOHN J PLOMP.

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When a wife really wants something from her husband, getting it only takes a little wile.—VESTA M KELLY.

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Thanks to the spread of civilization, there are very few savage tribes in the world that still shoot their enemies with bows and arrows.—HAROLD COFFIN.

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Looking at some modern art is like trying to follow the plot in a bowl of alphabet soup.—KEN KRAFT.

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Some girls will make over a man until they marry him, then try to make him over.—D O FLYNN.

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Usually the moon is brighter than the lovers beneath it.—CY N PEACE.

Quote

Wife to sick husband: "What do you mean you have nothing to live for? The house isn't paid for, the car isn't paid for, the tv isn't paid for . . ."—*Lion*. h



On the Average

Statisticians estimate that in his lifetime the average American consumes 3 or 4 times his weight in butter.—News item.

My, come to think about it, that's
An awful lot of butter pats,
And come to think of it some more,
Could "3 or 4" be "34"?

When I consider all the bread
I've rather plentifully spread,
And all the hotcakes I have buttered

While those around me stared and
muttered,

And the potatoes, baked and mashed,

I've heaped with butter, unabashed,
And all the skillets, smeared for
frying,

And even more, the constant buying

Of butter at the corner store,
I'm sure it must be "34,"
Yes, 34 times what I weigh,
And, what is more, that's why today—

A fact that really can't be hid—
I weigh so much more than I did.

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An old Southern planter was discussing the hereafter with one of his servants. "Sam," he said, "if you die first I want you to come back and tell me what it's like over there. If I die first I'll come back and tell you what it's like."

"Dat suits me, massa," repl'd the Negro, "but if you dies first, Ah wants you to promise dat you'll come back in de daytime."—*Tit-Bits*, London. 1

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Discussing problems concerning teen-agers, one woman asked her neighbor, "Is your son hard to get out of bed in the morning?"

"No," repl'd the other. "I just open the door and throw the cat on his bed."

The neighbor was puzzled. "How," she asked, "does that awaken him?"

Repl'd the other, "He sleeps with the dog."—*Great Northern Goat*, hm, Great Northern Ry. j

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The will of the wealthy, but eccentric, man was being read and the relatives all listened expectantly. Finally the lawyer said: "And to my nephew, Charlie Jones, whom I promised to remember — 'Hi there, Charlie!'"—*Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. k

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After a major radio network interrupted its regular schedule last month to report that something had apparently gone wrong with the satellite, *Explorer II*, at least one major affiliate resumed its normal broadcast amidst a recording of Perry Como singing "Catch a Falling Star."—*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston. 1



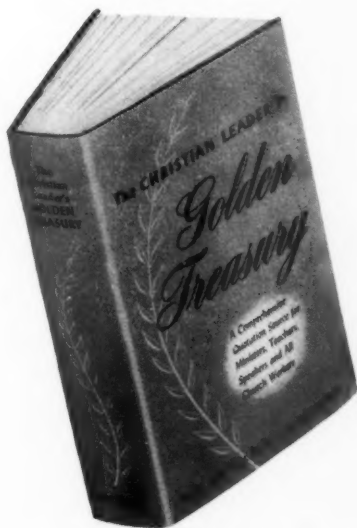
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KENNETH VORDENBERG, science supervisor, Cincinnati secondary schools: "Science teachers, particularly at the high school level, find it almost impossible to keep up with the latest developments. They lack the time and the money to maintain their studies. All too often they just throw in the towel."

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JOHN S RICHARDSON, prof of Science Education, Ohio State Univ: "Next Sept American high schools will need 8,500 new science teachers. If they're lucky, they'll get about 3,500. The rest of the college grads in science will go into private industry."

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

Edited by Alice Jacobs

Since we do our fishing at the supermkt, we hadn't realized how many woes beset the fisherman—that is, until we read in *Ford Times* about a group of gadgets to aid the modern Izaak Walton. These were all designed by fishermen. Among the items:

Aqua-Life Aerator keeps minnows alive without changing water. A small pump aerates the water you've already put them in. There are 2 sizes, a small one powered by flashlight batteries and a large one with a 6-volt battery. From **Design Products, Sarasota, Fla.**

Dura Flote net is several things

in one: a boat net with either a 3-ft or a 2-ft handle, and a stream net with a one-foot handle and an elastic cord. A gaff hook can be used separately or attached to the net. Made of blue anodized aluminum sealed tubes, so that it floats. Can be adapted to almost every kind of fishing. By **Net Machine, Inc, Jackson Center, O.**

Hydro-Fin is a sculling blade that can be attached to boat or canoe for propelling boat with one hand. Works best in calm weather and with bow weighted. **Hydro-Fin Industries, Detroit 24, Mich.**

